

REMARKS

Claims 1-36, as amended, appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. In response to the Examiner's comment, claim 1 has been amended to further define the invention. As no new matter has been introduced, the entry of the claim amendment is warranted at this time. This amendment also overcomes the Examiner's objection to that claim.

The drawings were objected to because Figures 1-3 were not labeled as Prior Art. In response, applicants submit herewith 2 sheets replacement drawings for Figures 1-4 where Figures 1-3 are now labeled as Prior Art. Accordingly, this objection has been overcome and should be withdrawn. As it is understood that these sheets will be accepted, they have been prepared as formal drawings.

The claims were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of applicants' copending application no. 10/726,039. As that application has not yet been allowed, this rejection should have only been made as a provisional rejection. Due to the fact that that application has allowable subject matter, however, and in an effort to expedite prosecution, applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, with fee authorization, to overcome this rejection.

Finally, Applicants claimed priority of French application 02-10587 filed August 26, 2002 upon filing of this application, and a certified copy was submitted. Acknowledgement of receipt would be appreciated.

In view of the above, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should any issues remain, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss the same in order to expedite the allowance of all the claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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